GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Free and Affordable Treatment of Cancer
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether incidents of breast, Cervix and other types of Cancer are on the rise among women and if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any programme/scheme for free screening/treatment of cancer cases especially for women and poor in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated for the same, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up Cancer Hospitals and Institutes in different parts of the country including Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including the funds allocated for the same;

(e) whether the Government has rolled out any policy to issue Health Card to all the women for free medical treatment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the number of States presently covered under the scheme?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per Indian Council of Medical Research's cancer registry data; the estimated incidences of breast, cervix and all types of cancer among women are increasing in the country. The details of cancer cases State/UT-wise are enclosed at Annexure I, II & III.

(b) & (c): Though public health is a State subject, Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments under free drug service initiative and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under National Health Mission based on their Programme Implementation Plans. The programme includes health promotion activities, opportunistic screening, and control of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including cancer. Focus is on Breast, Cervix and Oral cancer. Since 2015-16 funds are released to States/UTs under NCD Flexipool for programmes including NPCDCS. Details of release of funds under NCD Flexipool during the year 2017-18 (upto 30.06.2017) is at Annexure IV.

The treatment of Cancer in many of the State and Centre Government institutions is free for BPL patients and subsidized for others.

The Government is providing financial assistance to patients living below poverty line for life threatening diseases under the schemes such as Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN), Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF), State Illness Assistance Fund (SIAF) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).

Population based screening of common NCDs, hypertension and cancers (Oral, Breast and Cervical cancer) has also been initiated under NHM. Key components of population based screening of NCDs include community based risk assessment, screening, referral, and follow up of all individuals of 30 years and above for selected NCDs (hypertension, diabetes, oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer).

(d): Government of India is implementing Strengthening of Tertiary Care for Cancer scheme under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). Under the scheme, it is envisaged to support the establishment of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country including Chhattisgarh. The broad objective of the scheme is to develop capacity for tertiary care for cancer in all States so as to provide universal access for comprehensive cancer care. SCIs and TCCCs will mentor all cancer related activities in their respective regions. Under the scheme, one SCI and one TCCC have been identified in the State of Chhattisgarh. The proposals received from the State Government have been examined and the deficiencies have been communicated to the State Government for fulfilment. The details of funds released, State/UT-wise, under the said scheme from 2014-15 onwards is at Annexure-V.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Women and Child Development has jointly developed Mother and Child Protection card for documenting and monitoring service for antenatal, intra natal and post natal care to Pregnant women. It includes information on free transport facility to Hospital, institutional delivery, preparation in case of Home delivery for Pregnant women, new

born care, immunization and stages of Child development, growth monitoring of child till 3 year of age.

In all States/UTs, every Pregnant woman is to be given the Mother and Child Protection Card at the time of registration of pregnancy in all the Public Health facilities. Funds for printing of MCP card are provided to all the States/UTs in the annual Programme Implementation Plan.

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